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NEW JERSEY ADDS 2 NEW AREA CODES

NEW JERSEY—The New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (BPU) voted on October 23, on a "geographic split" of existing area codes to increase the state's supply of telephone numbers. While the BPU's decision preserves traditional seven-digit dialing for local calls, it will force 21 municipalities to be split into two area codes, and one into three.

The towns of Wanauke, Ridgewood, Part and Saddle River, Wallington, Wood-Ridge, East Rutherford and Kearny will be split with 201 and the new northwestern located area code. The cities of Westfield, Linden, Scotch Plains, Clark, Cranford, Brook, Bernards, Warren, Bridgewater, Piscataway and Edison will be split with 908 and the new central-eastern located area code. Franklin Township, in Somerset County will be split by 908, 609 and the new central-eastern located area code.

The BPU and Bell Atlantic are working together to modify the geographic split so fewer communities would be split by area codes. The new area code numbers, which will not be in effect until November 1997, will be announced in November.

BIG CITIES GREW SAFER IN '95, BUT NJ CITIES GIVE MIXED RESULTS

WASHINGTON, DC—Violent crime in America's largest cities dropped by 8 percent in 1995 according to the FBI's annual report, but in New Jersey's four most populated cities—100,000-plus—the results were mixed, especially for 1994 to 1995 according to the state's "Urban 15" profile.

Newark's violent crime rate rose from 10,471 incidents in 1994 to 10,729 in 1995 and murder rose from 99 to 104. Rape rose from 212 to 221, and aggravated assault rose to 4,633 from 4,342. However, robbery incidents dropped by 247 incidents to 2,341.

According to the profile, Jersey City also showed a rise in violent crime from 4,310 in 1994 to 4,334 last year. Murder also rose to 25 in 1995 from 37 in 1994, and aggravated assault is down by 47 incidents to 1,301 last year. Rape, however, rose from 74 in 1994 to 92 incidents last year, and robbery rose from 2,241 to 2,306.

Paterson had a considerable reduction in violent crime. The rate dropped from 316 incidents two years ago to 1,658 in 1995 according to the profile. In fact, incidents on all crimes classified as "violent" dropped in the state's third largest city from 1994 to 1995, said the "Urban 15" report. 3,210 to 2,455; robbery, 1,053 to 822; and aggravated assault, 854 to 729.

In Elizabeth, violent crime dropped by 17 incidents from 1994 to 1995. Murder rose from 12 to 18, rape, 41 to 46, and robbery, 924 to 936 over the 1994-1995 period. However, aggravated assault dropped from 387 to 347 incidents.

In cities with populations over 1 million, violent crimes dropped in 1995 for a second year in a row according to the FBI's report. Those cities include New York, Philadelphia, Chicago, Phoenix, Los Angeles, San Diego, Dallas, and Houston. Disputes over who should take credit for the Nation's violent crime reduction has been mounting. President Clinton has reportedly taken credit because of his federal crime strategy to put 100,000 new cops on the streets. Other crime experts say big city police departments have implemented more effective crime-fighting strategies.

However, Min. Louis F. Manahan, leader of the House of Representatives, said in the "Day of Atonement" on October 16, "I know Clinton wants to take credit for it. I know the police want to credit for it. The real truth is that the spirit of the Million Man March should take credit for it."

President Clinton worships at New Hope Baptist Church



While on the campaign trail Sunday, October 20, President Clinton made a stop at New Hope Baptist Church in Newark to attend church services. President Clinton (c) enjoys the service with Ernestine Watson, (second from r) an assistant vice president at UMDNJ, and Congressman Donald Payne (r).

Photo by Greg Freeman

NEWARK—While on the campaign trail Sunday, October 20, President Clinton made a stop at New Hope Baptist Church in Newark to attend church services.

Clinton was officially greeted by Reverend Joe A. Carter, Assistant Pastor; Reverend Vincent Thomas of Virginia, son of New Hope Pastor Reverend Doctor Charles E. Thomas;

Ernestine Watson, Trustee Chairperson; Deacon Fred Summerville, Chairman of the Board of Deacons and Clarence Moore, First Vice President of the Board of Directors. The service included selections by the Mass Choir of New Hope under the direction of Youth Inspirational Choir Director Fatima Jones.

"About this time of year, people in our line of work are tired on a Sunday morning," Clinton said. "I'm not tired any more," Clinton said remarking on the lively spirit of the church.

Making a plea for a stronger voter turn out, Clinton addressed the New Hope parishioners with a repetitive message, "On November 5, be there. It's your responsibility." Also in attendance were Newark Mayor on Sharpe James, East Orange Mayor Cardell Cooper, Rep. Donald Payne (D-10th District) and Robert Torricelli (D-9th District) and singer Dionne Warwick, who's family is also active in the church.

Founded in 1903 in Newark, New Hope was rededicated in 1987 at 106 Sussex Avenue and celebrated its 93rd Founders' Day and Mother's Church Burning on September 15.

Congresswoman Waters tours NJ on 'village' bus

by Avery Grant

ELIZABETH—United States Representative Maxine Waters (D-CA) toured New Jersey on the "It Takes a Village..." bus, campaigning for the Democratic state and national election tickets and informing New Jerseyans about the recently disclosed Reagan-era government-supplied drug operation in Los Angeles.

Speaking at the Elizabeth Port Presbyterian Center, the Congresswoman chided Bob Dole, telling the audience, "We did this tour under the banner 'It Takes a Village to Raise a Child,' Dole didn't understand that it's an African proverb, but we do. We know that the one selling drugs on the corner is our son, and the prostitute on the corner is our daughter, and that it is up to us to help them and care for all of our children."

Addressing the "mean spirited, unkind, unrighteous right wingers" that were elected to Congress in 1994, Waters said, "New Gingrich (and his colleagues) thought that Medicare, Medicaid, and Headstart were programs just for us—code word later city—he didn't realize that he was moving on his mother, his grandmothers, and his neighbors. We realized that he had his head in the sand so we (the Congressional Black Caucus) took it upon ourselves to talk daily (in Congress, the media, everywhere) about Newt and his fellows' efforts."

Supporting President Bill Clinton, she urged the audience to vote for him. "Yes, there are things I don't like about President Clinton. I love my husband, but there are some things he does that I don't like, but I am not about to get rid of him."

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Congresswoman Maxine Waters addresses the audience at Plainfield Mayor Mark Furry (l) and Congressman Donald Payne (r) look on.

Photo by Avery Grant

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Smith tells Mayor Bost to stop 'blame game'

by Terrence L. Dixon

IRVINGTON—Council Member At-Large Wayne Smith called on Mayor Sara Bost to "end the blame game" for the town's present fiscal crisis. This comes a month after Bost blamed past city administrations for Irvington's fiscal fiasco when the order for the tax bills to have been sent to residents on a timely basis.

"The Mayor did not present his proposal for the tax levy until August 13, 1996, three months late," Smith pointed out.

"The Council took ten days to deliberate the Mayor's late proposal. According to Smith, it resulted in a

reduction in interest charges to residents. The Council set the tax levy at 95 percent as opposed to 110 percent that the Mayor advocate."

"I respectfully disagree with a higher tax bill," Smith said. "If the Mayor and the Administration spent time reducing township expenditures such as to eliminate town cars, travel expenses, reduce health insurance costs and prioritize services as to what we can afford to do, we can mitigate any tax increase."

Smith says the State will defer their tax levy and plans to ask the State Assembly and State Senator as well as Governor Whitman to inter-

vene to stop a property tax increase.

In 1994, Smith claims that Mayor Bost promised to bring corporate practices to local government. "Well, in business and industry, when staff cannot solve problems, they are met or let go," explained Smith citing the *Star Ledger* accounts in which Bost stated that the employees responsible for the \$5.5 million in unpaid bills would not be punished because the practice existed in the past. "This would not be the case in the private sector."

Smith said he is sponsoring an ordinance that will require that the Mayor and Council to meet together

once a month. He said the ordinance will require the Council and Mayor to offer enough caring to restore fiscal integrity without political involvement and whims, promote business development in the Urban Enterprise Zone, to improve the quality of life issues such as crime, and to lobby the federal, state and county government for Irvington's share of resources.

On October 28, Beth Gans, Director of the Division of Local Government Services and the Finance Board will meet with the Council to discuss Irvington's financial situation. At press time, Bost did not respond to City News questions.

closed grand jury proceedings held a letter to the U.S. Justice Department calling for federal oversight in the matter.

Addressing the press, Irwin, a representative from the Coalition against Police Brutality, said, "The murder is a racist act. However, the response and fight against racism is a multi-race issue."

Irwin questioned what he termed a "double standard" of justice, with

following up the press conference with a letter to the U.S. Justice Department calling for federal oversight in the matter.

Obviously angered, Irwin said, "The day after the shooting, he (county prosecutor Robert Gluck) went on record saying that Officer Consalvo was following standard procedures. Now I ask, how can we expect justice from a man that is rushing to the defense of the cops right away?"

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Community Calendar

THRU DECEMBER 1

NEW YORK—The American Federation of Arts in association with The Studio Museum in Harlem and the Mexican Museum in San Francisco will host in the Spirit of Resistance African-American and the Mexican Muralist School at the Studio Museum in Harlem. For more info contact Jillian W. Slonim and Jennifer A. Smith 212-988-7700.

THRU NOVEMBER 13

CRAWFORD—Baseball and softball coaches, trainers, and players will be able to obtain instruction in "Proper Pitching Mechanics" through a non-credit course to be offered this fall by Union County College. For more info call 908-709-7000.

THRU NOVEMBER 29

ELIZABETH—The Union County Office of Cultural Affairs announced that the Central National Bank will host the Union County Teen Arts Touring Exhibit. For more info call 908-558-2350.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30

PLAINFIELD—The Plainfield League of Women Voters is sponsoring a City Council Candidates Forum at Muhlenberg Hospital, in Centennial Hall at 7:30 p.m. For more info call 908-756-0589.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31

HOLMDEL—The Monmouth County Park System will have a "Family Halloween Night Adventure" at historic Longstone Farm, Longstone Road, 7 to 9 p.m. For more info call 908-842-4000.

NEWARK—The Graduate Student Association has developed an innovative Solutions Conference Series. For more info and scheduling call 201-596-8458.

NEWARK—New Jersey Institute of Technology Graduate Association proudly presents Pollution Prevention. Meeting Tomorrow's Challenges Today. For more info call 201-642-4743.

THRU NOVEMBER 1

JERSEY CITY—The Jersey City State College Women's Center will hold a free series of campus programs open to the community. Pre-registration is required. For more info and scheduled events call 201-200-3189.

WAYNE—William Paterson College in Wayne celebrates the patriotism, honor and dignity of the Puerto Rican people. For a listing of events call Gilbert Correa at 201-585-2518.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1

NEW BRUNSWICK/PISCATAWAY—Rutgers to host computer science open house. For more info call 908-445-3551.

NOVEMBER 1, 2

CLIFTON—The New Jersey Project on Inclusive Scholarship, Curriculum, and Teaching will hold a special anniversary "Transforming the Curriculum: Ten Years Later" beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the Ramada Inn.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2

PATERSON—The YWCA will be sponsoring "Unified Elegance" a Fashion Show and Luncheon from 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m. at the Paterson YWCA. For more info call 201-684-6408.

NEWARK—St. Rose Fine Market presents a Bargain Bonanza. For more info call 201-623-2800.

MADISON—Planned Parenthood of Greater New Jersey will hold its annual auction, "Bon Voyage, Bon Appetit" at Twombly Mansion, Fairleigh Dickinson University. For more info and registration call 201-539-9580.

SCOTCH PLAINS—Union County Vocational-Technical Schools presents an Arts and Crafts Holiday Boutique from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more info call 908-889-UCVT.

Henry and Jan Johnson honored at Black Achievers Banquet

SECAUCUS—The New Jersey Black Achievers program, sponsored by the YMCAs of Northern and Central New Jersey, recently held its 17th Anniversary Awards Banquet on Wednesday, October 16 at the Meadowlands Hilton Hotel.

The concept of the Black Achiever began at the Harlem YMCA in 1968. The program's success there led to its duplication in several cities around the nation, including Boston, Chicago and Louisville. This year marks the 17th consecutive year of the program.

The emphasis of the program is placed on the commitment of high achieving black men and women, and their willingness to give back to the community, as well as to help and inspire youth.

The Black Achievers are members of the black community who have distinguished themselves through their personal lives, and who stand as shining examples of the potential for success that exists within each young person.

Among this year's award recipients are City News' Publisher and Editor-in-Chief Henry and Jan Johnson who were honored as Entrepreneurs of the Year.

1996 Linkage Committee

Benjamin J. White, chairperson
PSE&G

Theodore T. Johnson,
vice-chairperson
NJIT



Henry (r) president and CEO of Newark YMCA congratulate Jan M. Johnson, vice president of City News Publishing Company and Henry Johnson (second from r) on their Entrepreneurship of the Year Award.

Photo by Glen Pritton

neers of the Year.

As a recipient of the award, each honoree makes a commitment to the future. Throughout the year, Black Achievers become volunteer counselors, tutors, confidants and role

models as they assist high school students in making decisions about their futures.

Another program The Linkage Program works in conjunction with the Black Achievers and their sponsors

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Bell Atlantic - NJ

Iola Davis
Port Authority of NY/NJ

Yvonne Holmes
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Jo-Ann R. Raines
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Robert M. Session
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Kenneth Wilson
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Irvington

Thornton Reid
Hoffman-LaRoche

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PSE&G

Milton Witherspoon
Lockheed Martin

1996 Black Achievers Award Recipients

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Consultant, Residence Svc. Ctr.
Bell Atlantic - NJ

Beverly M. Austin
Information Systems Auditor &
Control Consultant
Bellcore

Allen Barahadt
Talk Show Host
The Allen Barahadt Show

Lemar Beamon
Professional Sales Representative
Schering Corporation

Clarence Beverly
Vice-President & Branch Manager
PNC Bank

Dr. Yvette A. Bridges, M.D.
FACOG
Obstetrics & Gynecology

Phillip H. Brown
NJ Resident
Sales & Service Centers Bell Atlantic
- New Jersey, Inc.

Tammy Brown
Assistant Manager, ATR
Fleet Bank

Mary Cohen-Williams
Scientist
Schering Plough Research
Institute

Edgar H. Davis III
Manager Operations Planning
Anheuser-Busch

Racburn Evans, M.D.
Vice-President, Medical Affairs
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Roche Labs

Natalie Harris Myers
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Adrian Hawkins
Senior Programmer/Analyst
CIBA Pharmaceuticals

Celestine Hines
Specialist
Bell Atlantic - NJ

Camille Holmes
Professor
DeVry Institute

Debra Ann Holmes
Machinist
Anheuser-Busch

Jerome Hudson
Asst. Superintendent, Materials Dept.
General Motors Truck Corporation

Daphne Jones
Director, Professional Services
PSE&G

Gregory Jones
Manager, Regulatory Affairs
ETHICON, Inc.

Kevin M. Kimbo
Supervisor - Customer Service
PSE&G

Art King
Scientist, Microbial Products
Methods Development Group
Schering Plough Research Institute

Priscilla Kingsberry
Imaging Systems Technician
Newark Star Ledger

soring companies to "link" high school students with achievers. These linkages give the students opportunities for career exploration, career achievement, and a greater understanding of career options and their associated education requirements.

According to Milton Harris, president and CEO of the Newark YMCA, which coordinated the event, "...The dinner is a nice way to recognize the achievers and to thank them and their corporate sponsors for their efforts, but the real story is the interacting between the mentors and the students that goes on all year long."

Other award recipients were: Thornton Reid, Achiever of the Year, Supervisor of Water Control Laboratory at Roche Pharmaceuticals; Dexter Keon Powell, Student of the Year, senior at Hackensack High School.

Pedro Reeves, Alumni Scholarship recipient, senior at Newark's Arts High School received a \$1,000 college scholarship.

Listed below are the names of the Linkage Committee members and the other 45 award recipients.

Robert Marshall
Branch Manager, AVP
Fleet Bank

Cheryl Martin
Accounting Assistant
PSE&G

Henry A. McCloud
Director of TRIO Programs
New Jersey Institute of Technology

Mendelsohn V. McLean
Counsel
Exxon Research & Engineering Co.

Alfred Mutahi
Associate Scientist
Schering-Plough Research Institute

Artist Parker, M.D., M.P.H.
Director, Safety & Surveillance -
Worldwide Regulatory Affairs
Bristol-Myers Squibb

Dr. Shertie Pietranico
Principal Scientist
Dept. of Inflammation &
Auto Immune Diseases
Hoffman-La Roche

Pat Prescott
Morning Show Host
Public Affairs Director
WQCD-101.9

Gerald "Gerry" Reed
LAN & PC Technology Specialist
Englehard Corporation

Wayne Roberts
Director,
National Accounts - Chain
Bristol-Myers Squibb Company

Hugh Stanfield II
Account Manager
PSE&G

Vanessa Talafioro-Jones
Financial Manager, Apothec
Bristol-Myers Squibb Company

William Tate
Manager of Building Operations
Bell Atlantic - NJ

Stephanie Tonic
Assistant Vice-President &
Regional Sales Director
PNC Bank

Genevieve Weathers
Financial Service Analyst
Englehard Corporation

Charles Williams
Manager, Application Development
Ortho Diagnostic Systems, Inc.

Ruth E. Williams
Director, Human Resources
Bristol-Myers Squibb Company

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Feature Series: CIA connections to Crack Cocaine

Does the *Dark Alliance* series go far enough?

Terrence L. Dixon

Allegations that the Central Intelligence Agency fueled the inner-city crack epidemic was discussed by the U.S. Senate last Wednesday. It is the latest development since the *Dark Alliance* series chronicled how the CIA used profits from crack sales to fund a Nicaraguan guerrilla army in the 1980s. But now, new reports express skepticism of the agency's involvement.

One of the new reports comes from a group believing that former President George Bush is responsible for the crack epidemic. Others are from three big city newspapers which say evidence in Gary Webb's *San Jose Mercury News* *Dark Alliance* series supports the anti-Bush report.

The anti-Bush report was released in September by the Executive Intelligence Review (EIR) editors, who, along with imprisoned Lyndon LaRouche, is known to have a vendetta against Bush since anti-Communist (Contra) operations in the 1980s.

Supported with text from actual court testimony and declassified court documents, the EIR report stated that although Webb's series catalogued

how the CIA flooded the streets of Los Angeles with crack.

The EIR report alleges that Bush took away the CIA's control of Contra operations. According to copies of declassified government documents provided in the special report, in December of 1981, President Ronald Reagan placed Bush in charge of the National Security Council (NSC), an umbrella intelligence agency for the CIA, Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA), FBI, and the Pentagon.

The unclassified documents also show that in 1982, Reagan "privatized" intelligence operations and permitted agencies other than the CIA to carry out special activities." The report also claims these agencies reported to Bush allowing the NSC to protect and conduct much of the drug trade.

In an article in the October 21 issue of *The New York Times*, Jerry Ceppos, executive editor of the *Mercury News*, admitted, "We got to the door of the CIA. We did not get inside the CIA." *The New York Times* article goes on to say the *Dark Alliance* series "appears to have relatively little to do with the quality of the evidence that it marshals to its case."

The article further states that past investigations and interviews with more than two dozen current and former rebels, CIA officials, and narcotics agents, all indicate "scant proof" that the CIA has connections with spreading crack in the U.S.

Yet, this same article mentions some government links to crack. According to *The New York Times*, although Norwin Meneses' CIA ties can't be proved, his former partner testified in court that Meneses used some profits to fund the Contra army. Meneses was convicted of drug smuggling in Nicaragua in 1992.

The Daily News ran an AP article

on October 21 conceding *The Los Angeles Times* concluded that the crack epidemic was the result of "competition among many suppliers and dealers and the changing habits of drug users..." Yet, it also says Danilo Blandon, now a DEA informant, admitted in federal court that his biggest cocaine customer was Ricky Ross, allegedly the main crack distributor to Los Angeles gang members.

According to Webb's series, Meneses was hired by the CIA to raise money for the Contras; Meneses gave the cocaine to Blandon, who in turn, sold it wholesale to Ricky Ross.

King's dream distorted in campaign ad, opponents say

by **Burt Herman**
Associated Press writer

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP)—Republicans pushing a ballot measure to end most affirmative action programs in California plan to use footage of Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech in an ad blitz.

The Rev. Jesse Jackson called the planned \$2 million campaign "a blasphemy" against the slain civil rights leader. The manager of King's estate in Atlanta threatened to sue if the ad was used.

"All Californians, indeed all Americans, who support equal opportunity, tolerance and fair play should denounce this divisive, cynical, political trick," Jackson said.

The California Republican Party said they will use a clip from King's history-making speech in a TV ad to begin airing Friday.

The ad, a segment of which was broadcast on KRON last Tuesday night, shows a white woman who talks about the ballot initiative, called Proposition 209, followed by black-and-white footage of King giving his famous speech.

Not only are civil rights activists mad about what they say is the misin-

terpretation of King's dream, custodians of the estate say use of the speech would be illegal.

"When we have foreknowledge that some political campaign is going to use Martin Luther King's name, voice, image, likeness, recorded voice, copyrighted speeches or rights of publicity, we ask them to stop," said Philip Jones, general manager of the estate and head of Intellectual Properties Management, the Atlanta firm that controls the use of King's image and works.

"Those are wholly owned by his estate. Dr. King was a private citizen and not a public citizen," said Jones, who is threatening to sue. "His intellectual property may not be used for commercial or nonprofit purposes without permission of his estate."

Daniel Hallin, a professor and chairman of the University of California at San Diego communication department, questioned whether the advertisement would violate copyrights.

"King would certainly hate it, but I'd be awfully surprised if it was illegal," Hallin said. Republicans have long been the principal financial supporters of the measure, which is backed by Gov. Pete Wilson.

Washingtonians observe Million Man March anniversary via satellite

by **Avery Grant**

WASHINGTON, DC—About 3,000 people gathered at the Washington, DC, National Guard Armory to watch the Million Man March anniversary on a giant television projection screen. According to Zaheer Muhammad Ali, spokesman for Muhammad Mosque No. 4, men and women in over 75 cities in 50 countries joined in the global commemoration of last year's Million Man March.

Minister Louis Farrakhan, national representative of the Nation of Islam, and organizer of last year's event and this year's observance planned this as a global event.

"Because of the impact of the Million Man March, we traveled throughout the world to ask the leaders of nations if their nation would join with us to make the Day of Atonement an International observance," Farrakhan said. The Day of Atonement found great resonance among the world's leaders.

In his two and a half hour speech, Farrakhan, called upon the United Nations, the United States, and the nations and people of the world, "to heed the words of God, and avert the War of Armageddon."

Armageddon, in the biblical aspect, is the last battle between the powers of good and evil, before the day of Judgement. Colloquially, Armageddon refers to the final decisive battle between great nations.

Making reference to the war-making orientation of the nations, and referring to the biblical reference of turning weapons into pruning shears and plowshares, children they saying they don't need pruning shears or plowshares because, "you are not tilling the ground or cultivating the divine human spirit of the

earth."

He cited the United States, United Kingdom and Germany as the largest weapons sellers, and Saudi Arabia, United States, Egypt, Turkey and Israel as the largest weapons buyers.

To avert the War of Armageddon he said the United Nations and the world must help solve two problems; first, the problem that exists between Palestine and Israel. Second, the world's greatest problem that started 400 years ago when Africans were sold into slavery.

The crowd in the Armory, stood and applauded loudly, when Farrakhan announced that the next Million Man March would take place on October 16, 2000 in Washington, DC, and that it will be inclusive of men, women and children.

He asked that reports be given on what black people had accomplished during the four intervening years.

Ron Bell of Washington, who also attended the march, said that it was good that Farrakhan focused more on the global and international issue, and he was particularly happy that he stressed the family unit because that will help strengthen the institution of the family.

George Greene, Sr., Huntingtown, MD, remarked, "Farrakhan was more positive in the way he reached out to the world in peace making. I was happy that he touched on the Native Americans, because they are left out of everything."

Pamela Y. Muhammad, a spokeswoman for the event's organizers, said that they understood that some people would go to New York, but they wanted to make sure people here had something to do and see, so that everyone could get the message.

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EDITORIAL

Clinton doin' the right thing

According to almost every poll in America, President Bill Clinton seems to be the sure winner of the 12th Presidential election of the 20th century. Although Clinton and the Democratic party are ready to scream victory, the President waffles his supporters to not echo a sound, at least not until November—a day after the election. Good move.

He realizes that he has to campaign just as hard as if he were lagging in the polls. If voters took for granted that polls say Clinton is the sure winner of the election, some may decide to sit this election out. Conversely, since Clinton's opponent, former Senator Bob Dole is reportedly lagging in the polls, it may cause more of his supporters to cast their vote. As a result, Dole could win despite what polls indicate. The bottom line is: Polls do not elect the President. Voters do.

Part of Clinton's urging of voter participation was delivered at New Hope Baptist Church in Newark, one of the city's largest African-American churches. Another good move. He realizes that the African-American vote is crucial for his re-election bid. This will hopefully encourage even more African Americans to exercise their right to vote. Their vote, and lack of voting, has always impacted who will win these elections.

Clinton is doin' the right thing by not taking the election for granted. African Americans should also do the right thing. Vote on November 5.

THE PASTOR'S WORD

The march did make a difference

by Reverend Reginald Jackson



Wednesday, October 16 marked one year since over a million black men journeyed to Washington, DC, for the Million Man March. It was a historic day, which saw not only a nation, but the world take notice, that those who had been scorned, ridiculed and stigmatized as irresponsible, indifferent and insignificant, came together and demonstrated that we were people, that we could make a difference and that we have a significant role to play in lifting up our people and communities.

For a year, the march, and in particular this nation, has been watching to see if the momentum and urgency of that day and that "March," would last and if anything would come of it. Locally, here in New Jersey people have also been watching. Well, what have you seen? Has anything happened? Did the "March" make a difference? The answer is a resounding yes! People have been able to see something has happened.

First, countless numbers of men have become better fathers and husbands and participants in their communities. I have been gratified as I have journeyed across this state to meet men and hear and see their joy, in telling of their closer relationships with wives, spouses and children. Even more, men who are now tutors and mentors and are involved in community programs to clean up neighborhoods and make our streets safer.

Second, there is so much more concern, involvement and participation by community people on issues that affect us. We may not always agree, but at least we are involved, giving input and impacting decisions,

whether at city council, school board, planning and other meetings. Before, few of us attended these meetings and had no input in decisions. That has now changed.

Third, black leadership is being primed and developed. Larry Hamm, chairperson of the Million Man March Coalition for New Jersey, has evolved into a key player in this state. His hunger last, in opposition to the governor's school funding proposal is on principle, and there is no finer example of sacrifice than his.

Thousands upon thousands of young people, black, white, Hispanic and others will benefit because of his stand. Minister Khadir Muhammad, leader of the Nation of Islam in New Jersey, has led the effort to make safe the streets of the city, especially the problem of drugs and crime. He has reached out across denominational lines and other barriers to help make our communities better.

Sister Fredrica Bey, chair of Women in Support of the Million Man March, has led the group to purchase a headquarters for the New Jersey Million Man March Coalition. They purchased a beautiful man in Newark to house officers, have banquets and other community meetings. We need to give financial support to refurbishing the building and making it operational. Let's join in this effort.

Much is going on as a result of the Million Man March. There is much good and our prayer and commitment is to see that it continues.

Finally, many have called and wondered what happened to the Pastor's Word. Being away in August on vacation and out of the state most of September and early October, this column has been missing. Now that vacation and much of my travel is over, I hope with my colleagues to have this column in place weekly. I am very appreciative and encouraged by so many of you who have called and missed it.

A massive black vote is a matter of survival

by Beryl D. Anderson

Ralph Bunche once said: "We must fight as a race for everything that makes for a better country and a better world. We are dreaming idiots and trusting fools to do anything less."

Let us want to fall into that fateful category of "trusting fools" Bunche spoke about, we, as African Americans, must show up at the polls on Tuesday, November 5th. The massive numbers. There are clear and compelling reasons to once again cast our vote for Bill Clinton. Returning him to the White House is absolutely essential to the future of opportunity for African Americans.

The 1996 election, for African Americans, is about more than mere civility. This election is about black survival. It also represents an opportunity to build on a rather lengthy list of policy and program developments that have made a positive difference in our lives in the past four years. These policy and program developments have come from the Clinton White House, and judging by President Clinton's first term and looking at the alternative, he is, by far, our best choice to establish a beachhead of hope for preparing to meet the challenges of the 21st century.

History also makes a solid case

This time, there is no alternative for president

by Harry C. Alford

The Republican Party really blew it just when a significant number of the black population becomes sophisticated enough to realize that the Democratic Party has taken over the vote, loyalty and commitment to the party, they decide to "log" our culture, heritage and very existence.

We have learned to now leverage our voting power and expect more from those who choose to hold significant public offices. As we look around for alternatives, Bob Dole and company decides to play "sons of Jim Crow." Oh Mr. Dole we ain't hardly going back!

With the placement of Clarence Thomas on the Supreme Court and the assignments of attacking your own people down to such characters as Thomas Sowell, Wardell Connerly, Armstrong Williams, Gary Frank, et al., the Republican Party tell they could win massive votes from "diversified" whites at the expense of people who don't vote for them anyway. Hispanic

and blacks hardly vote and those who do usually vote Democratic. Thus, affirmative action became a sure thing.

It was attacked like it was a concoction of the Nazis. These attackers of affirmative action love to quote Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. who wrote positively about affirmative action with terms like "civil rights integration," "equal opportunity act," etc. Basically, these are sick attempts to neutralize our hard fought Civil Rights Act. What they are looking at right now, unless we stop them is the Voting Rights Act. This ambition is basically a calculated deception aimed at destroying all of the human rights gains made in the last 30 years.

They look at "Sneaky" Pete Wilson (governor of California) and his reversal on affirmative action and threatening Asian and Hispanic immigrants. What they didn't calculate was that Wilson's victories were an aberration that will have to be dealt with.

The anti-immigration bill supported by Wilson has been blocked by the federal courts. The California Civil

rights initiative (CCRI) will probably face a similar consequence if it passes. President Clinton chose not to betray the civil rights struggle. His "mend, don't end it" policy on affirmative action is "half stepping," but it is not a reversal. His administration has not performed brilliantly on making progress in black reality participation. In fact, overall it is average, but average is certainly a lot better than failing. The Dole-Canning Bill of the 104th Congress (the killing of federal affirmative action) was stopped in its tracks because the President promised to veto it if it came across his desk. Had he had Dole in the White House we would have been in serious trouble.

Bill Clinton did not fail because he injected his principles into his political strategy. Injecting principles seems to go a long way with the American people. For this he rises above Bob Dole and Jack Kemp.

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Expanded the Earned Income Tax Credit, providing tax relief for 15 million working families, many of them African Americans.

Increased funding for Head Start by more than \$760 million, helping millions more poor children, many of them African Americans, get off to a good start in life.

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ALONG THE COLOR LINE

Racial politics in the new world order

by Manning Marable

As we face yet another presidential election year, African Americans once again must confront the dilemma of voting for the "lesser evil." As of this writing, Clinton seems assured of being easily reelected. Although clearly critical to the reactionary Republican challenger, Robert Dole, Clinton nevertheless is the most conservative Democrat to occupy the White House

in generations. We cannot begin to develop a progressive strategy for black empowerment in this era of political conservatism, unless we understand the global forces toward inequality which form the foundation of the current crisis.

The "New World Order" was proclaimed by former President George Bush, upon the fall of the Soviet Union and Communism. Throughout the entire world, governments and political parties tilted to the right. Even relatively liberal parties such as England's Labor Party moved toward the political center.

"Globalization" of corporate capitalism and information revolution have rapidly transformed the nature of work and the character of production. As traditional industries disappeared, and as agricultural production globally moved from labor-intensive to capital-intensive methods, millions of working people were displaced. Hundreds of millions of Third World people migrated from rural areas to cities, and from their own countries into Western Europe and North America, in the struggle for survival. Third World countries with socialist and labor parties had few options except to adopt neoliberal, capitalist policies.

These massive transformations in the structure of the global economy and labor force have generated a sharp increase in income inequality and greater class stratification. The real wages for working-class people have steadily declined and job insecurity now increasingly affects middle-class households as well. In our cities, millions of jobs which could sustain families have been destroyed. In communities like Central Harlem today, there are 14 job applicants for every available job in the fast-food industry. Members of families confined to

the poorest neighborhoods for several generations have never had the experience of a job in their lives.

When large numbers of people can't obtain employment, the quality of life for the entire community suffers: grocery stores and retail establishments close, down, social institutions like churches and schools are weakened, the quality of housing deteriorates, and the level of violence connected with crime inevitably increases.

Conversely, the same global economic forces have concentrated vast wealth in the hands of a small privileged elite, which is also increasingly multinational in character.

In the United States, these economic forces have created a political space for an extreme version of conservatism to triumph. In the early 1980s, this reaction was symbolized by the administration of Ronald Reagan. Reaganism was in many ways the mirror opposite of the New Deal: government was the problem, not the solution. Federal programs were abolished; industries were deregulated; affirmative action and environmental laws were not enforced. The social safety net was significantly reduced, and taxes on corporate profits virtually disappeared.

Key elements within the Democratic Party at first tried to attack and reverse the policies of the Right. The 1983 mayoral victory of Harold Washington in Chicago, and the Rainbow Coalition's presidential campaigns for Jesse Jackson in 1984 and 1988, illustrated the potential power of a progres-

Delivered new tools to help communities protect themselves from crime and violence including the Brady Bill, the assault weapons ban, the signing of the Safe and Drug-Free Schools Act to make sure our schoolchildren take their cues from school teachers and not drug dealers;

Appointed the most diverse cabinet in our country's history, naming over 400 African Americans to the cabinet and nominating African Americans to the federal bench, over 18 percent of his total federal court nominations.

That's just part of the first-term Clinton record. And that's a commendable record by any standards and under any circumstances. The worst thing that could happen on Tuesday, November 5th is for African Americans to wrongly decide to sit this election out, the out of a false sense of security created by media predictions of a landslide for Clinton, or from falling prey to those old enemies of indifference and apathy.

Our vote is a critically important investment in our future and that of our family and community. Let's make out last presidential vote of the 20th century an historic vote that rings loudly throughout the land, conveying a clear message to politicians everywhere: African Americans are active partners in America's political process and our voices will be heard!

the rest. Mr. Kemp, you have fractured your political career.

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live, multi-class, and multinational opposition. But liberal labor and Dole Left in the United States failed to consolidate an alternative formation or movement to challenge conservatism. As a result, the political terrain shifted even further to the right by the 1990s.

Although a Democrat was elected to the presidency in 1992, the Clinton administration pursued policies which only 20 years before would have been described as "Liberal Republicanism." The "mainstream" of the Democratic Party equivocated or retreated on minority economic set-asides, minority scholarships, affirmative action, majority-minority legislative districting, and legal protection against universal health care, and urban development. Clinton embraced the death penalty, passed a repressive crime bill which severely threatened civil liberties, and signed a Republican welfare bill which would devastate the households of millions of poor women and children.

Thus African Americans are challenged by a new "race/class hierarchy" which defines the politics of non-European and oppressed people throughout the world. Our challenge is to build an alternative political movement which grasps the dynamics of global conflict, as well as our conditions in the United States.

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In all things that are purely social we can be as separate as the fingers, yet one as the hand in all things essential to mutual progress.

—Booker T. Washington

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THRU NOVEMBER 1
LINCROFT—The Monmouth County Park System is offering its parent/child (18 months to 2 years) program "Morning Song," at Thompson Park from 11 to 11:45 a.m. For more info call 908-842-4000.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3
CALDWELL—Caldwell Middle School will provide an Open House for High School Students and their parents at 1 p.m. in the Alumni Theater. For more info call 201-226-4424, ext. 500.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23
HOBOKEN—Stevens Institute of Technology is conducting a conference for 250 young women in 8th to 12th grade, their parents, and teachers. For more info call 201-616-3545.

NEW BRUNSWICK—Stonestrating Players' fall season of Story Play in Dramatics begins. For more info call 908-932-9772.

THRU DECEMBER 4
JERSEY CITY—Jersey State College is sponsoring a program with five story-tellers, based on the theme "Heroes and Villains." The first program on September 22 will feature "Multicultural Stories," as told by Heather Forest. For more info call 201-200-3214.

THRU DECEMBER 15
NEWARK—The New Jersey Historical Society showcases "The Kidd Bridge" exhibition at 430 Broadway. For more info call 212-483-3939.

Halloween safety tips

- Try to trick-or-treat while it's still light outside.
- Wear a costume that makes it easy for you to walk, see and be seen.
- If you must go out at night, select a costume that's light in color.
- Carry a flashlight so you can see and be seen easily.
- Use reflective tape on costumes so motorists can see you.
- A face mask will keep you from seeing well. Take off your mask before you cross the street.
- Why not wear makeup instead of a mask?
- Have a parent or older brother or sister go trick-or-treating with you.
- If someone older can't go with you, trick-or-treat with friends. Never travel alone.
- Plan your trick-or-treat route ahead of time. Pick streets that will lit.
- Tell your family on which streets you'll be trick-or-treating.
- Cross only at corners. Never cross the street between parked cars or in the middle of the block.
- If there's no sidewalk, walk facing traffic.
- Wait until you get home to sort, check and eat treats.

Have a safe and happy Halloween!

Youth speak out at summit

by Kelly Howard

PLAINFIELD—"Remember, it only takes a little bit of people to make something work," said Sally Ann Benjamin, director of Good Beginnings, to a youth group at the 2nd Annual City-Wide Youth Summit.

Overlooking the small turnout, speakers and participants alike joined together to share concerns and ideas on youth and the issues that face them everyday. Crime, drugs, violence, teen pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases were just some of the areas addressed at the October 21 event.

The day began with a round table discussion, including sage words from many community leaders including: Robert Blount, program coordinator, Union County Youth and Family Services; James Whitfield, chaplain, Ten Links; Sally Ann Benjamin, director, and V. René Bishop and Mycelia Molinaris, case managers, Good Beginnings; and Angel Colon, NJ Boys Training School.

"Unlike when you go to a department store, computer store or a car dealer, you don't get a manual with a child," said L. Siddiq El-Amin. "We try hard to what's best for you and by you, but unfortunately we don't know because we are learning as we go."

The all-day event was broken up with a musical luncheon with performance by Winceyco. Featuring singer/founder Wincey Terry, and local musicians Rico Tyler, Billy Grant, Kevin Johnson and rapper TX, Winceyco is a musical education program that teaches young people about drugs, heritage, and unity.

"There is more than one way to get high, you don't have to take a cop-out highbush at drugs," Terry told the teens. "You can get involved in a sport, take up music or do something that would provide something do something else. Today, for me, this was my high."

Sponsored by the Plainfield Municipal Alliance, the Summit's theme of "By Us, For Us—Teens Helping Teens" was evident as 30 to 40 young



Plainfield teens dance as Winceyco, a musical education group performs at the 2nd Annual City-Wide Youth Summit. Photo by Kelly Howard

men and women spoke up to be heard by their elders. While many had thoughts and questions on the major plights, it was clear that their largest concern was the city's lack of programs.

"We need more programs like this and Safe Haven," said Tanisha Brown, Safe Haven volunteer and teen council secretary. "They [police, city government] want to give us a curfew, so why don't they give us something to do until that curfew."

The issue of a curfew in the city of Plainfield, is one of the top proposals facing the city council right now. The teens agreed that a curfew would alleviate some of the problems, but

without places to go, the opportunity to do wrong can happen at any time.

Addressing both the adults present and absent, one young lady named Rasheema said, "If you [parents, city government, etc.] do not do anything, you will continue to have higher teenage pregnancy rates, to have people on the streets selling drugs, and to let our own womanhood and manhood be devastated."

Agreeing with her peers another young lady pointed out that since they wanted and needed the programs, they needed to push for them. "If we want this why don't we go to these people and say 'This is what we want.' We can't wait for people to do for us."

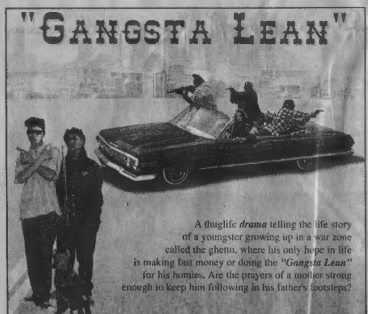
Rules and tools for parenting online

Seeking to provide parents with the information and understanding necessary to help children in the new age of information technology, The Children's Partnership has released a Parents' Guide to the Information Superhighway Rules and Tools for Families Online.

Developed in conjunction with the National Parent Teachers Association and the National Urban League, the guide welcomes parents

to the information superhighway, provides a simple step-by-step introduction to parenting in an online world, and offers some rules and tools to help children and families at home, at school and in the community.

The Guide will also be available online at <http://www.childrenspartnership.org>. For a copy call Lisa Lederer at 202-371-1999 or write the National Urban League, 500 East 62nd Street, New York, New York 10021-8379 or the Children's Partnership, 1460 4th Street, Suite 306, Santa Monica, CA 90401.



Gangsta Lean, a live stage drama is sponsored by Victory Outreach in an effort to decrease gang violence amongst teens. It will be staged at Newark Symphony Hall on Wednesday, October 30 at 7 p.m. For tickets call 201-483-1409.

AAA pushes education plan for new drivers

FLORHAM PARK The AAA Clubs of New Jersey have launched a major effort to focus public and legislative attention on driver education and new driver licensing requirements. In its 1996 Report to the New Jersey Legislature, the five New Jersey affiliates of the American Automobile Association called for a "graduated drivers license" system to reverse what they see as "a disturbing trend of decreasing numbers of driver education programs and increasing accident rates among new drivers."

"Each year, the AAA Clubs of New Jersey focus on an issue that is of key concern to our state," explained Frederick L. Gruel, president of the Florham Park-based New Jersey Automobile Club and chairman of the AAA Clubs of New Jersey.

"This year, we're particularly troubled by the decline of driver education in the Garden State." According to Gruel, an estimated 80 percent of U.S. public high schools offered driver education in the 1970's. Today that figure stands somewhere around 40 percent.

"Not surprisingly," according to Gruel, "statistics indicate the number of teenage drivers involved in fatal crashes have increased." According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), teenagers under 19 made up 5.8 percent of all licensed drivers in 1990. But young drivers were involved in 12.3 percent of all fatal crashes.

"In 1994, the number of licensed drivers 19 and under dropped more than a million, yet teenage drivers were involved in 11.6 percent of all fatal accidents slightly higher percentage than 1990 considering the smaller number of drivers," explained Gruel.

Even more disturbing, according to AAA, is the fact that the fatality rate moved slightly higher at a time when public safety experts say cars are being built better and safer. So what's the solution?

The AAA Clubs are encouraging parents to negotiate a parent-teen driving contract (and supplying a sample contract free upon request) which spells out their child's responsibilities for the vehicle and their behavior, and the consequences for violating this agreement.

AAA has also developed Teaching Your Teen to Drive, a program to help parents provide supervised driving experience to novice drivers. This first-of-its-kind program features a live action video and color handbooks and is available through AAA Clubs.

Other recommendations for improving the state of driver education are included in the 1996 Report of the New Jersey Legislature, a copy of which can be obtained by calling 201-377-7200 (ext. 274). The Report also covers a number of other issues that impact motorists, AAA members, and the traveling public.

Newark After-School Youth Development program begins

NEWARK—The Newark Public School District, has launched a free After-School Youth Development Program for elementary and high school age students. The program's 1996-97 season began Wednesday, October 23, at 42 school sites across the city.

Students are encouraged to participate in scouting troops, sports or debate teams, rap sessions, music, dance or drama clubs, sewing and arts and crafts.

The program runs weekdays from 3 to 6 p.m. for elementary students and 6 to 9 p.m. for high school students. School sites include: Abington Avenue, Alexander Street, Ann Street, Avon Avenue, Bragay Avenue, Wm. H. Brown Jr. Academy, Camden Street, Chancellor Avenue, Chancellor Avenue Annex, George W. Carver, Cleveland, Dayton Street, Dr. E. Alma Flagg, Fifteenth Avenue,

Hawkins Street, Hawthorne Avenue, Rafael Hernandez, Dr. M. L. King Jr., Lafayette Street, Lincoln, Madison, Maple Avenue, L. M. Marie Middle, McKinley, Miller Street, Mt. Vernon, Oliver Street, Peshine Avenue, Quinlan Street, Ridge Street, L.A. Spencer, Thirteenth Avenue, Harriet Tubman and Wilson Avenue.

Additional elementary sites will be open from 3 to 6 p.m. only at Roberto Clemente, Clinton Avenue, Elliott Street, Eighteenth Avenue, Dr. Wm. H. Horton and Warren Street Schools. Two additional high schools sites will be open from 6 to 9 p.m. only at West Kinney Alternative High and Redirection High Schools.

For additional information, contact Elardo Webster, Supervisor, Newark School District, Office of Health, Physical Education and After School Youth Development at 201-733-7344.

The toys are back!



Head, Bo Peep, Hamm, the Green Army Men, Rex, Slinky Dog and all their toy friends come to life once in *Walt Disney's World On Ice—Toy Story*. You can catch the toys in action at Madison Square Garden November 7 to 16; Nassau Coliseum November 19 to 24; and The Continental Airlines Arena November 26 to December 1. Witness the wonderment as fantasy becomes fast-paced fun in this oversized action adventure. Yes, the toys are back in town and the ice is the coolest place to be. To satisfy and beyond! Tickets for *Walt Disney's World On Ice—Toy Story* are available at all TicketMaster locations and arena box offices. For TicketMaster Charge By Phone call 212-307-7171, 212-607-8900. Ticket prices are \$13.50, \$17.50, \$20.50 and \$37.50 (VIP Preferred).

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31

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THRU NOVEMBER 17

NEW YORK—New Federal Theater presents "Jon Turner's Come and Go" by Siraj Wilson. For more info call 212-353-1176.

THRU NOV. 17

NEW BRUNSWICK—Cross Roads Theater presents "Coming of the Hurricane." For more info call 908-249-5550.

THRU OCTOBER 30

NEW YORK—The Schomburg Legacy Documenting the Black Experience for the 21st Century will be exhibited at Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture. For more info call 212-491-2265.

NEW BRUNSWICK—Rutgers Art Center presents the Mary H. Dana Art Series 25th Retrospective Exhibition. For more info contact Kevin Colman at 908-932-7591.

EDISON

—The College Center Art Gallery Middlesex County College presents its Third Annual Hispanic/Latino Art Exhibit. For more info call 908-908-2566.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31

WAYNE—James Rosenquist and Tom Wesselmann will be the subject of a lecture at William Patterson College at 11:30 a.m. Admission: \$3. For more info call 201-595-2966.

THRU NOVEMBER 1

JERSEY CITY—Jersey City Museum Fall 1996 Exhibitions. For more information call 201-547-4514.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2

NORTH BRANCH—"Hot N' Cold," a tribute to the music and lyrics of the legendary Cole Porter, will kick off New Jersey Art Series sponsored by Merck & Co. Inc. at 8 p.m. at Raritan Valley Community College's Edward Nash Theater. For more info call 908-725-3905.

PLAINFIELD—Plainfield Public Library presents "A Harvest of Books," a Fall Book Sale. For complete schedule call 908-757-2905.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3

NORTH BRANCH—Child's Play Touring Theater presents "Kiss for President" from 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. For more info call 908-725-3420.

The African Burial Ground: An American Discovery airs on the History Channel

NEW YORK—In November, The History Channel presents the true story of free and enslaved African Americans in early New York City in the original mini-series *The African Burial Ground: An American Discovery*.

Telling the true and timely story of lower Manhattan's African Burial Ground, recently unearthed in an archaeological dig, this four-part documentary covers the burial ground's discovery, relates the history of African Americans in early New York, witnesses how modern-day citizens are changing government handling of the area, and delves into the discovery's meaning for modern-day America.

This special presentation airs on History Showcase on Monday, November 4, 11, 18 and 23 at 9 a.m. ET/6 a.m. PT.

Highlighted by acclaimed actors Ossie Davis and Ruby Dee, *The African Burial Ground* tells the dramatic story of a people whose history was not recorded or preserved, the African Americans that lived in the New World as far back as 200 years before the creation of the United States and helped to build the new nation.

Nearly one out of five colonial New Yorkers was African American, most of them enslaved—but until the 1991 discovery of the burial ground deep beneath Manhattan's streets, historians knew little of the way they lived and died.

Using period maps and drawings, still photos and film footage of the excavation, and local news clips spotlighting the discovery, series unfolds in four parts:

Part One—The Search for and Discovery of the African Burial Ground examines the archaeological dig that unearthed the remains of some 400 African men, women and children.

Part Two—A History presents the

never-before-told story of Africans and African Americans in New York City, from the arrival of a trader named Jan Rodriguez in 1613 until July 4, 1827. New York City's Emancipation Day. Dutch settlers enslaved African Americans and the farms around lower Manhattan and built its roads, houses, bridges and forts.

Part Three—Politics and the People, shows how ordinary citizens clashed with U.S. government agencies over the handling of the burial ground. This important civics lesson proves that people working together can change the course of history.

Part Four—An Open Window, explores the long-range impact of the African Burial Ground on art, literature, history, science and education in the United States.

Music by Lonette McKee, Bryant McKee and Jamshed Shafiq accompanies this documentary series; illustrations are by Charles Lilly. The series is produced by Kutz Television, Inc.

Part Two—A History presents the

Newark Jazz Festival returns



Bill Phipps



Carrie Smith



David Robinson



Halim Seliman

NEWARK—It's here again, the Sixth Annual Newark Jazz Festival begins **Monday November 4** with "Jazz Saxophones at the Library" and featuring Bill Phipps at the Newark Public Library Centennial Hall at noon. For more info call 201-733-7793. On Tuesday, November 5 the Leo Johnson Quartet will perform at Four Gateway Center at noon. For more information call 201-733-4301.

Tuesday will also feature Jazz/Art Poetry with Post Halim Seliman and the Baby Legends from Arts High School at Aljira Center, 2 Washington Place at 8 p.m. For more information call 201-643-6877.

Come out and join the Senior Citizen Jazz Tea with Richard Magette and the Eddie Blackwell Quartet on Wednesday, November 6 at the Tri-State Ballroom of the Robert Treat Travel Lodge at 2 p.m. Councilman George Branch is co-sponsor. For more information call 201-733-5397.

Jazz Saxophones at the Library continues on Thursday, November 7 with David Robinson at the Newark Public Library Centennial Hall at noon. Bring lunch, beverage will be complimentary. For more information call 201-733-7793.

Songstress Carrie Smith will be among the Jersey Jazz Masters to perform at the Robert Treat Travel Lodge on November 7 at 6 p.m. This event will be hosted by on-air personality Ben Duncan of WJGO-88.3FM.

PHS holds benefit concert

PLAINFIELD—Have you been reminiscing about the "good old days" of love, wondering what happened to all the romance of "courtship" and wishing you could go back, if only for one night? Well wish no more. Plainfield High School's School Based Youth Services (SBYS) presents a night of love and romance entitled "Love Reflections: The Way We Were." The benefit concert will feature top acts like Will Hart and the Delphonics, Ray Goodman and Brown, Sherry Winston, Winfree and a host of other performers.

The concert will be held at the Plainfield High School auditorium on Sunday, November 3 with one show at 3 p.m. and another at 7 p.m. Tickets are on sale at Sound Express Musical 204 E. Front St. in Plainfield. Prices are \$30 reserved, \$20 general and high school students, \$15.

For additional information call M. Dabney at 908-221-2666, P. Hood-Marsall at 908-322-6428 or SBYS at 908-753-3192. Proceeds from the concert will benefit the Plainfield Teen Parenting Program.

Gibson, Lindo and Russo star in Ransom



Met Gibson (c) stars as self-made tycoon Tom Mullen, and Renee Russo (l) is his wife Kate, who must face an incomprehensible nightmare when their only son is kidnapped. In Touchstone Pictures' gripping thriller *Ransom*, Delroy Lindo (r) stars as FBI agent Hawkins, assigned to the case. *Ransom* opens November 8 at a theatre near you. Photo by Lorey Sebastian.

Kym Rae has emerged

NEW YORK—Magnetic, Energetic and Charismatic are just few of the words that readily come to mind when one describes Kym Rae. This former Miss USA candidate brings all of these elements to her music. She approaches her songs like a true artist and weaves a magical ingredient into every note and around every word. By the end of the song, a hypnotic spell is cast that leaves the listener enchanted and yearning for more.

Born in New Jersey, this sultry songstress worked hard to get to this point. From a very early age her mother encouraged her to get involved in the performing arts. So, she took up dance and drama classes, but her true passion was for singing. She knew that if she was to achieve notable success in this endeavor she had to hone her craft and be ready for that "moment in time." She worked as a background vocal and did some songwriting.

Now Kym has emerged onto the music scene. Her debut single is the SOS Band remake, *Just Be Good To Me*. Here, Kym demonstrates her magical touch. With effortless delivery, she intertwines her rich voice in-and-



Kym Rae

out of the heavy bass line. Everyone needs someone to be good to them but Kim delivers this request in such an assertive way that it is not a petition, but rather a command—*Just Be Good To Me*.

There are other entertaining tracks on the album of the same name. Lead Back is a slow groovy "track that truly reflects its title and is sure to put its listener in a somber, reminiscent mood. And then, there is the foot stompin' "Keep It Comin'." *Sole of Love* is a smooth, romantic anthem definitely states Kym's claim for stardom.

Heavy D to release new album in January



Heavy D

NEW YORK—In January of 1997, Uptown/Universal Records will release the much anticipated new

album by Heavy D, titled *Waterbed Hev*. The album is self-produced and written by Heavy D, who is also the president of Uptown Records. The first single, titled *I Can't Go For That*, will be released in late November or early December.

Currently, at the helm of Uptown Records, Heavy D presides over such platinum acts as Soul For Real as well as developing up and coming singers like Monifah. He sold over 4 million albums to date, and has worked with Toni Braxton, Naughty by Nature and Supercat. As Uptown's first signing 10 years ago, he helped to build the label's stature through the vast successes of his own recordings with Heavy D and the Boyz.

The comedy stars Malik Yoba, Morris Day, N'Bushe Wright, Kirk Franklin, Kim Fields and Chip Fields. LaMarre and Banks are both co-producers.

While Bootsy, a womanizing socially incorrect playboy, insists that Malcolm soon his oats to mend his shattered heart. After completing a dating frenzy including women from all walks of life, Malcolm begins to spend time with his best female friend Toni who, unbeknownst to Malcolm, begins to win his heart. Malcolm asks, "How come we never hooked up?" Toni replies, "Cause you don't like women, you prefer girls." And so *Love Changes* begins when the question "Can friends become lovers?" is posed.

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Look who's on the web

Destination ESSENCE

NEW YORK—There are a few new addresses on the Net; <http://www.essence.com>, <http://www.njtheatregroup.org> and <http://www.culturefinder.com>. If you know how to read an internet address, you will have realized that the first address belongs to ESSENCE magazine. That's right, ESSENCE is now online!

While surfing the net, you can drop into ESSENCE and look forward to chats with the publication's editors and celebrities, as well as offer your personal opinions about the magazine and web-site content.

Browsers can download information about the ESSENCE On Line Emporium, Essence-by-Mail catalog, Essence Books, Essence for Children and ESSENCE Magazine. <http://www.njtheatregroup.org> belongs to the New Jersey Theatre Group. Theatre lovers can now find out what's happening on NJ's theatre stages by visiting the web site.

The site provides up-to-date information on the many productions, services and outreach efforts offered by the state's professional theatres. According to Laura Aiden, executive director of the Theatre Group, the site will also offer directions to theatres, recommended area restaurants and other attractions, special ticket discounts, reviews and feature articles on current productions and links to other cultural web sites throughout the state and country. The group can also be reached by e-mail at info@njtheatregroup.org.

Have you ever thought



ESSENCE's Web page

about going to the symphony, the ballet, or an opera, but thought you didn't know more about the music to really enjoy it? Have you ever wanted to explore the arts, or learn how to pick a CD, but didn't know whom to ask? Well, America Online has launched CultureFinder, the new database for the performing arts, that features a vast database of more than 400 full-season calendars of the largest performing arts organizations in the U.S. and Canada. CultureFinder is available on America Online in the Learning and Culture Channel and at Keyword:

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Artists needed for exhibition

LINCROFT—The Monmouth County Park System invites area artists to submit slides of their recent work for consideration for the 1996/1997 Art Exhibit series at Thompson Park in Lincroft. This series provides the public with the opportunity to view a full spectrum of exciting contemporary work.

The exhibits consist primarily of two-person shows, with each artist exhibiting in his/her own space. Artists are selected for this series by a jury consisting of an art historian or curator, artists, and Park System representatives.

Artists should submit 10 to 15 slides of recent work (labeled with the artist's name, title of work, dimensions, and medium) by November 20. The slides must be accompanied by a \$10 application fee (checks should be made payable to Board of Recreation Commissioners), resume, application form, and a stamped self-addressed envelope which will be used for notification of results and to return slides. For applications, call Marybeth Bull at 908-5421642. The TDD machine number for persons with hearing impairment is 908-219-9484.

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ELECTION COVERAGE

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In this week's issue, *City News* is continuing its special coverage on the upcoming November 5 election. This coverage is presented to inform our readers on the candidates and issues affecting our communities. This issue is devoted to the State Assembly, County Freeholder, City/Town Council and Mayoral elections.

BIC surveys political climate of black leaders

EAST BRUNSWICK—At this year's 14th Annual New Jersey Black Issues Convention held on October 3 to 6, at the Brunswick Hilton Hotel, in East Brunswick, over 2,000 participants took part in a leadership survey. The survey, which was implemented by NJ BIC, addressed the opinions of today's political situation and the upcoming elections.

No support for Dole
Participants showed virtually no interest in supporting Senator Dole's presidential campaign. Less than three percent of the participants indicated support for Dole, and only four percent thought that people they know would vote for Dole.

With a large majority of 86 percent, President Clinton also led the 5 percent of independent Reform Party candidate Ross Perot.

There was evidence in the survey that the lack of Dole support was personal rather than partisan. When asked if they would have supported Jack Kemp if he was the Republican nominee, slightly more than 15 percent said yes.

Senate choice uncertain
While there was clarity in choice for the presidential election, it did not

spill over into the U.S. senatorial race from NJ. While Congressman Torricelli had 48 percent support, 45 percent indicated they did not yet have enough information to make a choice.

This large uncertainty means that there is a real potential for Congressman Zimmer to gain votes, and a real need for him to make himself better known in the African-American communities.

Straws in the wind for next year's election

Governor Whitman's standing among those black leaders was not positive. Fifty-five percent rated her overall record on "issues of major concern to African Americans in New Jersey" as poor. Sixty-two percent rated her election record as poor.

However, there clearly was some opportunity for her to do better than many Republican candidates in the past. Thirty percent rated her overall record as "fair," and 22 percent of them were willing to consider supporting her if the opposition candidate was mediocre.

There was no strong indication for any prospective Democratic candidate. When asked who they would favor as the Republican nominee,

most respondents did not make a choice. Only Senator Bradley reached the 10 percent level.

Significant interest in third-party strategy

Most significant was the degree of support for the idea that a third party might be more productive for African Americans than the present two-party situation. Twenty-one percent thought it would possibly be more productive.

This level of interest is more than the 17 percent of people indicated that they had voted more than once for major Republican candidates. Moreover, there was a significant level of discontent with the Democratic party. Only 45 percent thought that African Americans were a strong influence in New Jersey's Democratic party. Forty-six percent thought African Americans were only a minor influence.

Consensus on issue background to politics

It is not a unilateral statement of the African-American community, but it is the professional sampling of opinion of leaders in the state of New Jersey that:

- Sixty-four percent supported a con-

stitutional amendment to allow prayer in the schools and only 16 percent opposed the amendment.

- In the context of education 75 percent supported putting emphasis on building self-esteem among black students as compared to 11 percent who wanted the emphasis to be on integration.

- Sixty-eight percent believed there was a "strong continuing attack" on African-American leaders and black communities. An additional 26 percent thought the "pattern of attack" was continuing but reduced. Only five percent thought that there was no such systematic attack.

- Forty-six percent thought the new welfare reform law was mostly motivated by racial hostility. Only 10 percent thought it was not significantly motivated by racial hostility. However, almost half (47 percent) believed that the "welfare system had to break with the past approach and begin a strong emphasis on job seeking, workforce, etc." Only 13 percent disagreed with this "break with past" assessment.

- Seventy-three percent of participants thought that "things in this state...have gotten seriously off on the wrong track."

City News readers speak out on politics

NEW JERSEY—City News recently held a survey of its readers, asking them their thoughts about the upcoming election and its candidates.

According to responses, 100 percent plan to vote in the upcoming November 5 elections, with 70 percent planning to vote for Clinton. Twenty percent picked Dole, and 10 percent were still undecided.

Topping the list of concerns for our readers was education, followed closely by taxes and health care. Other areas that readers felt the candidates need to be addressing are:

drugs and crime, housing, welfare, a balanced budget, security, gun control, gap between income groups, environmental protection and security from terrorist attacks.

In the U.S. Senatorial elections, *City News* readers placed Torricelli over Zimmer 50 percent to 10 percent. Twenty percent said they planned to vote for an independent candidate, and another 20 percent had not yet decided.

Readers affiliated with the Democratic Party made up 70 percent, while Republicans were 10 percent, and Independents were 20 percent.

Franklin mayor gets out the vote

by Myra A. Thomas

Byrne, Democratic State Committee Chairman.

SOMERSET—The state's Democratic leaders turned out for a "Get Out The Vote" birthday party for Franklin Mayor Kimberly Francois. Held on October 20, at the Somerset DoubleTree Hotel, the evening birthday party featured a live band, dancing, food, and of course a large birthday cake.

Sponsored by the Franklin Civic Association with the support of the JFK Club, the event attracted some 300 guests. The guest list included: Franklin Township elected leaders; 7th Congressional candidate Larry Lerner; Somerset County Freeholder candidates Joe Pranzetti and Dan Glicklich; Mayor Cardell Cooper, Chairman of Victory '96; and Tom

The purpose of the event was to showcase local democratic candidates, as well as the Clinton/Gore presidential ticket and U.S. Senate democratic nominee Bob Torricelli. Mayor Francois said, "I am both humbled and honored that this group chose to have this event to honor me and to celebrate my birthday." "Traditionally, there is a larger voter turnout during the presidential election," Mayor Francois added. "However, voters will only pull the lever for the candidates who have reached out to their vote. I believe this event will help to raise the consciousness and provide name recognition for these candidates in Franklin Township."

The candidates are:

State Assembly, 21st District

Joel M. Weintraub, Republican
Robert R. Peacock, Democrat

County Freeholders

Bergen
Anthony J. Cassano, Republican
James Sheehan, Republican
Richard A. Guarino, Democrat
John S. Hogan, Democrat
Mary Ann Albert, Independent
Richard J. Duffy, Independent

Essex
Joseph DiVincenzo Jr., Democrat, at-large
Patricia Sebold, Democrat, at-large
Blondie K. Watson, Democrat, at-large
Linda Lordi Cavanaugh, Democrat, at-large
Joseph P. Scarpelli, Republican, at-large
Frances Friedman, Republican, at-large
Phyllis Codola, Republican, at-large
Anthony Timmons, Republican, at-large
Henry Martinez, Democrat, 1st Dist.
Dolny Ledesma, Republican, 1st Dist.
John A. Jones, Democrat, 2nd Dist.
Eugene Brenzy, Republican, 2nd Dist.
Sheila Y. Oliver, Democrat, 3rd Dist.

Abdush Shahid Ahmad, Republican, 3rd Dist.
Thomas Kenney, Democrat, 4th Dist.
Nicholas M. Rolli, Republican, 4th Dist.
Louise Palagano, Democrat, 5th Dist.

Hudson

Neil J. Carroll, Democrat, 1st Dist.
Thomas J. Bragen, Republican, 1st Dist.
Henry Gallo, Democrat, 2nd Dist.
Ernest Caponegro, Republican, 2nd Dist.
William C. Braker, Democrat, 3rd Dist.
John Barbee, Republican, 3rd Dist.
Nidia Davila-Colon, Democrat, 4th Dist.
Jose Sanchez, Republican, 4th Dist.
William R. Dusenberry, Independent, 4th Dist.
Maurice Flighthous, Democrat, 5th Dist.
Antonio Guzman, Republican, 5th Dist.
Nefali Cruz, Democrat, 6th Dist.
Roberto Guzman, Republican, 6th Dist.
Silverio A. Vega, Democrat, 7th Dist.
Luis Suarez, Republican, 7th Dist.
Paul Ganguzza, Independent, 7th Dist.
Vincent Ascolese, Republican, 8th Dist.
Joseph Boscher, Republican, 8th Dist.
Charles Messiera, Independent, 8th Dist.
Albert J. Cifelli, Democrat, 9th Dist.

Antonio J. Almeida, Republican, 9th Dist.

Middlesex

Camille Ferencola, Democrat
David B. Crabel, Democrat
Roger E. Craig, Republican
Debbie Bialowarczak, Republican
Robert Harsell, Independent
Keith A. Towell, Independent

Monmouth

Harry Larrison, Jr., Republican
Tom Powers, Republican
Gerald J. Tarantolo, Democrat

Paul Zambrano, Democrat
Tom Appleby, Independent
Dan Maijillo, Independent

Passaic

Charles Delahayne, Republican
Walter Davison, Republican
Georgia Scott, Democrat
Peter C. Eagler, Democrat
Rhonda Bluestein, Independent
Giles Casaleggio, Independent
Sanjay Desai, Independent

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ELECTION COVERAGE

Environment key for two public questions

TRENTON—The following Public Questions will appear on the November 5, 1996 General Election ballot. The full text of the two public questions is printed below, followed by an interpretive statement provided by Secretary of State, the Honorable Louisa Hooks. Information on the public questions have been provided by the New Jersey State League of Women Voters.

Port of New Jersey Revitalization, Dredging, Environmental Cleanup, Lake Restoration, and Delaware Bay Area Economic Development Bond Act of 1996

Shall the "Port of New Jersey Revitalization, Dredging, Environmental Cleanup, Lake Restoration, and Delaware Bay Area Economic Development Bond Act of 1996," which authorizes the State to issue bonds in the amount of \$300,000,000 for the purpose of financing, in whole or in part, the costs of: constructing underwater pits and a containment facility or facilities for the disposal of materials dredged from the Kill Van

Kull, Arthur Kill and other navigation channels located in the New Jersey/New York port region; projects related to the decontamination of dredged material; dredging the Kill Van Kull; the Arthur Kill and other navigation channels located in the New Jersey/New York port region; dredging navigation channels not located in the New Jersey/New York port region; remediating hazardous discharge sites; and constructing water supply facilities to replace contaminated water supplies; the restoration of lakes; and economic development sites in the Delaware River and Bay Region; and which provides the ways and means to pay the interest on the debt and also to pay and discharge the principal thereof, be approved?

Interpretive statement

If approved, this bond act would authorize the State to issue \$300 million in State general obligation bonds. The proceeds from these bonds would be used to fund the following projects: \$185 million would be used to construct underwater pits and a contain-

ment facility or facilities for the safe disposal of harmful dredged material from the New Jersey/New York port region, to finance projects related to the decontamination of these dredged materials, and to dredge the Kill Van Kull, the Arthur Kill and other navigation channels located in the New Jersey/New York port region; \$20 million would be used for the dredging of navigation channels not located in the New Jersey/New York port region; \$70 million would be used to clean up hazardous discharge sites and contaminated water supplies; \$5 million would be used for the restoration of lakes in New Jersey, and \$20 million would be used for financing economic development sites in the Delaware River and Bay Region.

Proposed Constitutional Amendment

Dedication of 4 percent of Corporation Business Tax Revenue for Hazardous Discharge Cleanups, Underground Storage Tank Upgrades and Cleanups and the Pres-

ervation of Water Quality

Shall the amendment to Article VIII, Section II, of the Constitution of the State of New Jersey, agreed to by the Legislature, to provide that an amount equivalent to 4 percent of the revenue annually derived from the imposition of the Corporation Business Tax, or any other State law of similar effect, be deposited in a special account, which could be appropriated by the Legislature only for the following purposes and in the following manner: a minimum of one-half for funding the costs incurred by the State relating to hazardous discharge remediations; a minimum of one-third, dedicated until December 31, 2008, for funding of financing loans and grants for underground storage tank upgrades, replacements, closures, and remediations; and a minimum of one-sixth, or a minimum of \$5 million, whichever is less, for funding costs related to water quality monitoring, watershed planning, and nonpoint source water pollution prevention, be approved?

Interpretive statement

Under the amendment to Article VIII, Section II, of the Constitution of the State of New Jersey, agreed to by the Legislature, to provide that an amount equivalent to 4 percent of the revenue annually derived from the imposition of the Corporation Business Tax, or any other State law of similar effect, be deposited in a special account, which could be appropriated by the Legislature only for the following purposes and in the following manner: a minimum of one-half for funding the costs incurred by the State relating to hazardous discharge remediations; a minimum of one-third, dedicated until December 31, 2008, for funding of financing loans and grants for underground storage tank upgrades, replacements, closures, and remediations; and a minimum of one-sixth, or a minimum of \$5 million, whichever is less, for funding costs related to water quality monitoring, watershed planning, and nonpoint source water pollution prevention, be approved?

The proposed constitutional amendment, if approved, would amend Article VIII, Section II of the Constitution of the State of New Jersey. Approval of the amendment would dedicate 4 percent of the annual revenue from the Corporation Business Tax, or other similar tax, for (1) financing State funded hazardous discharge cleanups, (2) providing financing, loans and grants for underground storage tank improvements, and (3) providing financing for monitoring and protecting water quality. At current collection levels, this constitutional amendment would dedicate approximately \$48 million per year. Of this amount, a minimum of one-half would be allocated for hazardous discharge cleanups, a minimum of one-third would be allocated until December 31, 2008 for underground storage tank projects, and a minimum of one-sixth, or a minimum of \$5 million, whichever is less, would be allocated for water quality projects. Limitations are placed on the use of this money for administrative costs relating to underground storage tank projects and hazardous discharge cleanups.

The candidates are:

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Rose McConnell, Republican
Peter Palmer, Republican
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Daniel Glicklich, Democrat
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Linda DiGiovanni, Republican
Linda Lee Kelly, Republican
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Frank J. Festa, Jr., Independent
Shawn Giannella, Independent

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has to be changed.

Congressman Donald Payne (D-Newark), in introducing Waters, gave her credit for the tremendous efforts in making everyone aware of what the Republican-led Congress was trying to do. He commended her for taking the lead in uncovering information on the alleged government-sponsored drug operation in Los Angeles during President Reagan's tenure, and getting Congress and federal agencies to investigate this atrocity.

Waters told of her interview with Ricky Ross, a young man who is in federal prison for being the coordinator for the drug operation in Los Angeles, how documents are coming uncovered, and that people are coming forward with information for the investigation. She said that the one who ran the drug smuggling operation is now on the Drug Enforcement Agency staff making a salary of \$166,000.

and "is now busting other folks."

"We are going to have a serious war on drugs, led by us. It is up to us to carry the fight," she said. "I know that I was not elected to Congress to turn my back, I am fully committed to this."

Plainfield Mayor Mark Furry urged the audience to get out the vote. "The Republicans are praying for a flood or snowstorm so black people will not come out and vote. If you stay home and Clinton loses, then we can forget about drug elimination funds, education assistance, Headstart, housing and other programs," Furry noted.

The tour also included stops in Trenton, Freehold, Piscataway, and Franklin. "The Get Out The Vote Rally" in Elizabeth was organized by Arlene Enabole, director of the Elizabeth Department of Health and Human Services.

last year she was appointed as Essex County Tax Court Judge by Governor Christine Whitman.

Woodruff also championed her hometown of West Orange where she served as chair of the Human Right Commission, and where she and her husband of 43 years, Bill Woodruff resided for almost 30 years. Mr. Woodruff died this past April.

In a beautiful ceremony—filled with laughter and song—Woodruff was remembered by hosts of friends and family at the Messiah Baptist Church last Wednesday. The entire Essex County College Nursing School was among the funeral procession as hundreds packed the church to bid farewell.

Even those who had, at one time or another, felt the wrath of her pen and tongue came out to say

good-bye to the veteran leader. Newark Mayor Sharpe James, Essex County Sheriff Armando Fontana, Senator Frank Lautenberg, Congressman Donald Payne, Essex County Surrogate Maria Viscardi-DeSto, Assecurawoman Nita Gill, Newark Councilwoman Gayle Chaney Field, East Orange councilmembers Yvonne Blake and Leroy Jones, President of the Board of Commissioners Herbert Tate, Commissioner of Baseball, Len Coleman, her long-time friend Bernice Sanders of East Orange, Barbara Kukula of the Star Ledger and a host of other friends and associates were among the mourners.

Jazz Diva Carrie Smith gave a musical tribute to Woodruff with the hymn I Am Going to Live On Forever. The funeral service was officiated by Rev. Harry Butts, pastor of Messiah Baptist Church. Woodruff leaves to mourn her a sister Gwendolyn Williams, of Petersburg, VA; a brother Leon Rochester, of East Orange; a host of cousins and other relatives and hundreds of friends. Bye Baby. We will miss you.

Her legacy lives on

Mayor Cardell Cooper: When I first met Connie and was thinking of going into politics she told me "You may think you cute, just don't get cute." Every now and then Connie would write something in the columns to keep people from getting cute. What I would like to know, as all the other elected officials, is where she got those early bits of information from?

Len Coleman: In Essex County

if you say the name Connie, there is no further explanation. Everyone knew who she was. She was always fighting for the good of others. No one could ever say her fights were to enrich herself, because that was just not her. In my younger days she opened many a door for me. You could have no better friend or a more formidable foe than Connie Woodruff.

Congressman Payne: It was Connie who fought for the first black judge on the Essex County Superior Court. It was Connie who did so much work with the Leaguers, helping Mrs. Burch. She also took credit for my career because she gave me a scholarship when I was 17 years old. She later told me, "If it wasn't for me you wouldn't be where you are now. She was right."

Herb Tate: Connie gave me back almost two generations with my family. As a youngster, she mentored me just like she did Lenney Coleman. Connie was the type of person you could always learn something from no matter how short or long a time you knew her.

Dr. Zach Yamba: Connie was more than a colleague. She was a confident, advisor to me and many other people. She was always straight forward and worrying about what was right for the college. Many times she took money out of her pockets to help students. She left two legacies for Essex County College, the Women's Center and the Nursing program.

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SPORTS

Tiger Woods destined to be a legend



Tiger Woods and Disney's Tiger hold the trophy won for the Disney Classic in Lake Buena Vista on October 20.

Photo by Peter Cogswell/AP

by Terrence L. Dixon

LAKE BUENA VISTA, FL.—Only two months into his pro career, Tiger Woods is leading a parade indicative of those who become Who's Who in sports. Woods, half Black and half

Thai, has caused a fury in golf—a predominantly white male sport where reports of segregation still surface. The barriers have come down for the man who can now boast the best debut in golf's history.

His latest victory happened on

October 21 at Lake Buena Vista, FL, where he defeated Payne Stewart, a former U.S. Open Champion. He beat him by shooting a round of 66 to Stewart's 67 and posting a total of 21 under-par 267 to win the \$1.2 million Walt Disney World/Oldsmobile Classic by one stroke.

He now places 23rd on the top golf earnings list and is guaranteed a spot in the Tour Championship in Tulsa, OK, which is reserved for the year's top 30 money earners. He received a check for \$216,000 after winning the Disney/Oldsmobile tournament which adds up to \$734,794 so far for his short season. Most beginning players would have to wait late in the season to earn enough money to tour with the prestigious Tour Championship.

It all began for Woods, who at 20, years-old in his sophomore year at Stanford University. He quit school after his third U.S. Amateur golf tournament in a row to turn pro. Immediately following, he signed endorsement deals worth at least \$60 million. So far, he has won two PGA tournaments in seven attempts—the first being in Las Vegas and this most recent win at Lake Buena Vista.

Just One Soccer League kicks off

NEWARK—Even though Summer is over (and Winter is just around the corner), Newark parents and youngsters who are looking for recreational outlets should take heart! The "Just One" Neighborhood Program of Newark recently kicked off its "Fall Soccer League" with a series of games at the program's Orientation/Family Day on the soccer fields of Newark's Weequahic Park. Over 400 youth participated in the festivities, organizers noted.

The Fall soccer league is just one of the many offered by the Just One program which is dedicated to providing youths with recreation and life skills instruction, officials said.

Formed through a public/private partnership between the City of Newark and Do Something Fund, Inc., Just One was created last year. The following competitive categories are available for the Fall soccer league:

Division	School Team	Level	Gender	# of players in game/Max on teams
"A"	Grades E-2	Co-Ed Teams	4 v. 4	including goalie/8
"B"	Grades 3-4	Co-Ed Teams	4 v. 4	including goalie/8
"C"	Grades 5-6	Boys & Girls	8 v. 8	including goalie/12
"D"	Grades 7-8	Boys & Girls	8 v. 8	including goalie/12

"The day was an absolute treat," Mayor Sharpe James said. "Soccer served as the perfect vehicle to allow children and adults to have fun and strengthen each other."

According to Just One coordinator, Hoover Herrera, "All of the activities of Just One are very family and community-oriented, designed to draw people together. The purpose of our soccer league and other activities is not just to provide meaningful recreation. More importantly, we strive to impact invaluable life skills." He added, "By doing community service as a team, players can also earn their T-shirts."

The soccer league is open to school children grades K through 8. Officials set fall Saturdays, 10 a.m. in Weequahic and Branch Brook Parks. Officials noted that the first half of the season extends through November 9 and continues again for six games in the Spring. For details, please contact the Just One office, Room B-16, City Hall 908-733-4498.

Union County D.A.R.E. hockey night set for November 14

EAST RUTHERFORD—The Union County D.A.R.E. Officers Association and D.A.R.E. New Jersey are sponsoring their second annual Hockey Night on Thursday, November 14th at 7:35 p.m. when the Devils host the Western Conference's Vancouver Canucks at 7:35 p.m.

Union County towns that are participating in the D.A.R.E. fund-raiser include Berkeley Heights, Clark, Cranford, Elizabeth, Garwood, Hillsdale, Kenilworth, Linden, Mountainside, New Providence, Plainfield, Rahway, Roselle, Roselle Park, Scotch Plains, Springfield, Summit, Union, and Westfield. All participants will receive a New Jersey Devils Bumper Sticker at the game.

Students, families, and friends are encouraged to be apart of this Hockey Night with proceeds benefiting local Drug Abuse Resistance Education programs and the U.C.D.O.A. D.A.R.E. police officers teach kids in our communities to resist drugs and violence. For ticket information, please call your local police department's D.A.R.E. unit.

You could be a perfect 10

LINCROFT—On Saturday, November 2, the Friends of the Monmouth County Park System will host its annual "Perfect 10" Bratholn at Thompson Park in Lincroft. The event will begin at 9 a.m. and consists of a 2.5 mile run, a 5 mile mountain bike, and a second 2.5 mile run. The Thompson Park bicycle trails are suitable for novice bikers. Awards will be presented to the top three men and women finishers.

The pre-registration fee is \$15 (\$8 tax-deductible). Race day registration is \$20 (\$13 tax-deductible). Both fees include a commemorative shirt, while supplies last. For more information or to receive an application, call 908-542-102. For persons with hearing impairment, the TDD machine number is 908-219-9484.

Farewell Connie

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Trish Morris-Yamha: It is hard to describe what she meant to me because she filled so many roles. I met her in the early '70s as a graduate student at Rutgers. I ran into her again a few years later and we became friends. Her greatest tribute was Connie herself. It always amazed me how someone of her stature was so willing to share and give to others and never be aloof.

Jan Johnson: Connie was known for taking naïve, uninformed people under her wing and helping them to understand how things work. I am very grateful to Connie for sharing her political savvy each week with our readers and for helping me personally to gain insight into various social and political arenas in New Jersey and beyond. I will miss the sessions we periodically had where her question always seemed to be, "Jan, are you for real?" Then she would go on to explain to me how things are. I also believe that we at City News specifically, and black journalists generally, should take the opportunity to carry forward Connie's legacy so that the weak will have a voice, politicians will have to play it straight, and women will continue to value their strength.

Gwendolyn Williams (sister): If Connie could speak to us right now she would say, "What do you want from me? I made the calls, I did the falls and I did it my way."

UCC's soccer team vies for top rank in NJCAA

CRANFORD—Union County College for the third consecutive week trails Herkimer County Community College of Herkimer, NY, for the top spot in the weekly soccer poll of Division III, National Junior College Athletic Association.

Both Union and Herkimer continued their unbeaten records, however, Herkimer has a 16-0 record as compared with Union's 11-0.

Another New Jersey college, Burlington County College of Pemberton, is ranked third, while Rutger Valley Community College of Long Branch is eighth.

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